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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, SU, US  
SUBJECT: NIMEIRI MESSAGE TO USG RE AREA SECURITY

REF: KHARTOUM 0032 (NOTAL)

1. AFTER SPECIFYING GOS MESSAGES TO OAU AND UNSC  
PERMANENT MEMBERS RE CROSS-BORDER SUBVERSION BY EXILED  
ANSAR IN ETHIOPIA (REFTEL), MANSOUR KHALID SAID NIMEIRI WISHED  
ME TRANSMIT SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM HIM TO USG. THIS WAS THAT  
SPECIAL SITUATION IS CREATED WHEN ONE SMALL COUNTRY IS  
BEING THREATENED OR USED, ALONG WITH ANOTHER SMALL POWER,  
BY A SUPER-POWER (I.E. USSR) FOR LATTER'S OWN ENDS. ANTI-NIMEIRI  
ACTIVITIES COULD NOW BE FEARED NOT ONLY FROM LIBYA BUT ALSO FROM CAE,  
UGANDA, ETHIOPIA AND EVEN SOUTH YEMEN. LIBYAN HAND WAS AT WORK  
IN ALL THESE AREAS AND WAS SUPPORTED BY USSR. IT WAS  
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF USG TO INDICATE ITS POSITION IN THE FACE  
OF SUCH A SITUATION.

2. I ASKED KHALID WHAT MIGHT BE PRECISE BASIS THESE GOS  
CONCERNS. HE ADMITTED USSR MIGHT NT BE AWARE OF PARTICULAR  
LARG ACTIVITIES BUT CLAIED IT OBVIOUS THATNVSCOW WASOSUHZORT-  
NG LIBYAN EFFORTS ENCIRCLE AND UNDERMINE NIMEIRI REGIME.  
PLAN WOULD BE TO RESTORE 1969-1971 SITUATION IN SUDAN WHICH HAD BEEN  
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SO FAVORABLE TO COMMUNISTS. IN ADDITION SEEKING PROBE FACTUAL BASIS  
FOR CONCERNS AS THEY MIGHT APPLY ETHIOPIA (REFTEL), I NOTED ORIGINAL  
FEARS OF SOME RE CLOSE LIBYAN/CAE COLLABORATION APPEARED BE  
EXAGGERATED (BANGUI 2529). KHALID DEMURRED, NOTING THAT INFILTRATION  
OF "EVEN TEN" FROM CAE WOULD BE WORRISOME, SINCE BOMBINGS  
OR OTHER INSTABILITY SUCH GROUP COULD CAUSE WOULD  
HARM COUNTRSUB'S DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS.

3. KHALID CONTINUED THAT PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM NIMEIRI IN FOREGOING SENSE WOULD BE CARRIED TO WASHINGTON IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS BY MINSTATE FONAFFS FRANCIS DENG WHO WILL BE ATTENDING NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST IN WASHINGTON JAN 27. DENG WOULD SEEK MAKE "CERTAIN CONTACTS" WHILE IN WASHINGTON TO BRIEF USG OFFICIALS ON CURRENT SUDANESE CONCERN.

4. COMMENT: DENG HAD ALREADY BRIEFED ME RE HIS POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AT JAN 27 FUNCTION TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN INVITED BY REP DON BUNKER OF WASHINGTON STATE. DENG HAD WORRIED RE SOURCE FINANCING SUCH VISIT BUT THIS PRESUMABLY NOW RESOLVED BY NIMEIRI'S DECISION HAVE HIM DELIVER MESSAGE. SEEMS CLEAR NIMEIRI HOPES USE EXCUSE DENG'S INVITATION TO BRING HIS CONCERNS TO ATTENTION TOP-LEVEL CARTER ADMINISTRATION DURING ITS INITIAL WEEKS IN EFFORT STIMULATE ADDITIONAL USG SUPPORT. KHALID HAS LONG ESPOUSED THEORY OF SOVIET THREAT TO RED SEA SECURITY AND NO DOUBT SEES OPPORTUNITY DEVELOP GREATER HELP FROM US. WHILE THIS EMBASSY HARDLY IN POSITION COMMENT ON ANY SOVIET GRAND DESIGN FOR EAST AFRICA, WE DOUBT KHALID IS EITHER, AND TEND BELIEVE GOS FEARS PERHAPS UNDERSTANDABLY EXAGGERATED BY RECOLLECTIONS OF VERY REAL TRIAL BY FIRE KHARTOUM WENT THROUGH LAST JULY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. BOTH TO PROVIDE NIMEIRI WITH ANOTHER OPINION ON AREA SITUATION AND GIVE US CHANCE HAVE INDIRECT IMPACT ON HIS LIKELY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER, RECOMMEND THAT I BE INSTRUCTED SEE HIM PERSONALLY TO GIVE HIM OUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT RE POTENTIAL DANGERS RECENT LIBYAN CONTACTS WITH SUDAN'S NEIGHBORS AND,  
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PARTICULARLY, WHETHER SUCH MACHINATIONS SHOULD BE READ AS IMPLYING SOME SERIOUS SOVIET DESIGNS ON NIMEIRI REGIME. KHALID MIGHT WELL BE PRESENT BUT THE PREFERABLE TO DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE THROUGH SOMEWHAT UNPREDICTABLE AND SELF-INTERESTED KHALID FILTER. BREWER

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